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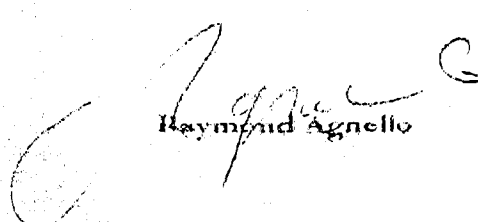
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing you today to express my opinion in regards to Microsoft. I fully support the settlement that was reached in November. In my opinion, the litigation that has continued for the last three years is a waste of precious resources that should be focused on more important issues. I am chagrined that many state Attorneys General have continued suing Microsoft. I sincerely hope there will be no further action against Microsoft at the federal level.

This settlement is fair and reasonable. Microsoft has agreed to carry out all provisions of this agreement. Under this agreement, Microsoft remains together as a company, while following procedures that will make it easier for companies to compete. Microsoft has agreed to disclose information about certain internal interfaces in Windows. Furthermore, Microsoft agreed to disclose any protocols implemented in Windows' operating system products.

This settlement will benefit the economy and the technology industry as a whole. Please support this settlement so this dispute can finally be resolved. Thank you for hearing my opinion.

Sincerely,

  
Raymond Agnello